

NEVADA LIBRARY Q&A/CHECK-IN

10 am, Tuesday, October 20, 2020

with Tammy Westergard

Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator

Tuesday @ 10 - Intentions



to promote unity,
fraternity, and help
build resilience



to debrief and share



to assist in the response
phase and start the
recovery phase.



to learn and be better
prepared

Agenda

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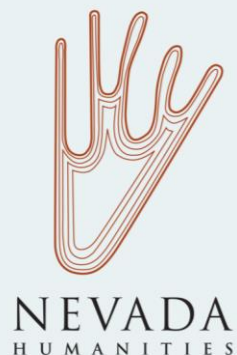
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Check-in



Nevada Humanities

Christina Barr has served as the executive director of Nevada Humanities since 2009. Previously she worked as Program Outreach Coordinator for the Western Folklife Center, Folklife Program Associate for the Nevada Arts Council, and as Archivist/Folklorist for the Vermont Folklife Center. She holds an M.A. in Folklore from Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, and a B.A. in Slavic Cultural Studies from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Stephanie Gibson is the Assistant Director for Nevada Humanities. She holds a master's degree in Art History from Concordia University in Montreal and has worked in varying capacities of exhibition management at cultural institutions around the world. She maintains an independent curatorial practice, and also enjoys running very long distances.



Nevada Humanities

Our Purpose, Programs, and Work

Nevada Humanities produces and supports humanities-based educational and cultural programs that articulate the Nevada experience, feature local culture and heritage, and facilitate the investigation of ideas that matter to the people of Nevada and their communities.

Calendar:
<https://www.nevadahumanities.org/calendar>



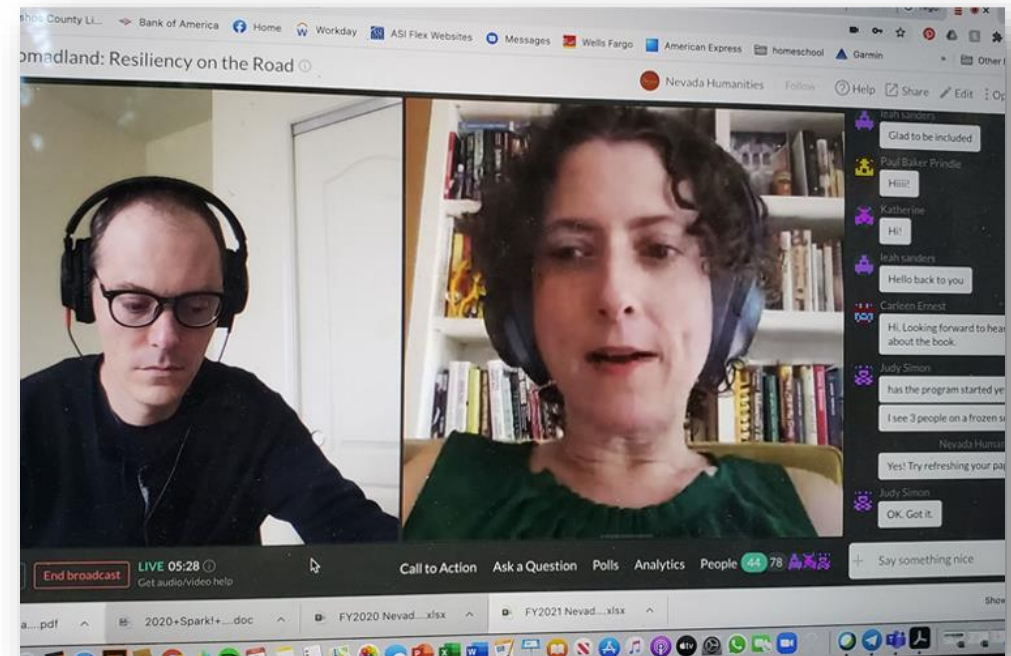
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Nevada Reads 2020

How it started

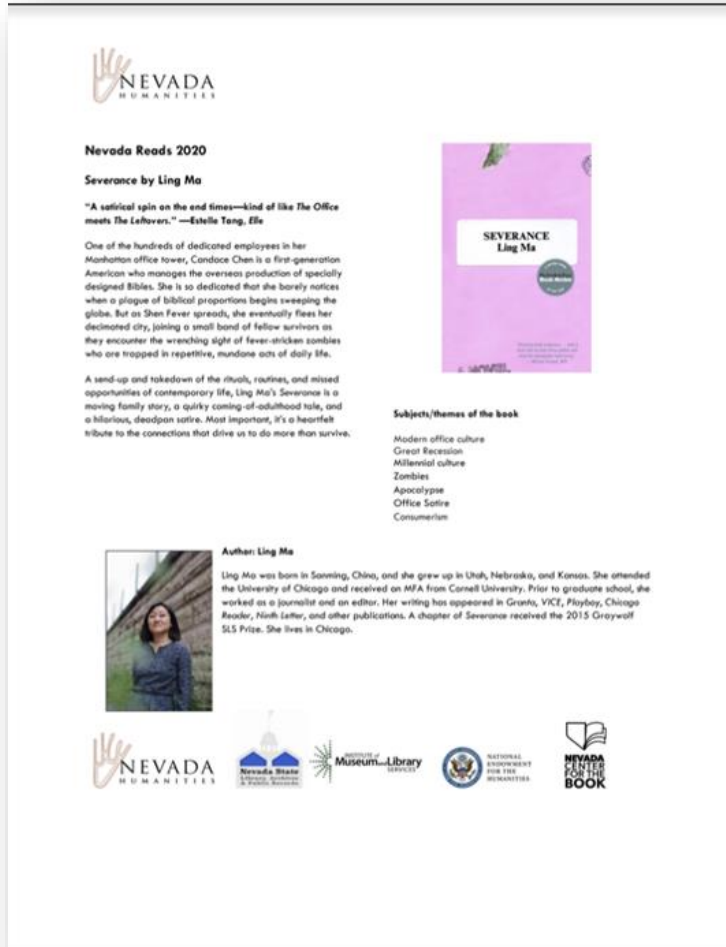


How it's going



Nevada Reads 2020

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NEVADA HUMANITIES

Nevada Reads 2020

Severance by Ling Ma

"A satirical spin on the end times—kind of like The Office meets The Leftovers." —Estelle Tang, E!E

One of the hundreds of dedicated employees in her Manhattan office tower, Candace Chen is a first-generation American who manages the overseas production of specially designed Bibles. She is so dedicated that she barely notices when a plague of biblical proportions begins sweeping the globe. But as Shan Fever spreads, she eventually flees her decimated city, joining a small band of fellow survivors as they encounter the wrenching sight of fever-stricken zombies who are trapped in repetitive, mundane acts of daily life.

A send-up and takedown of the rituals, routines, and missed opportunities of contemporary life, Ling Ma's *Severance* is a moving family story, a quirky coming-of-adulthood tale, and a hilarious, deadpan satire. Most important, it's a heartfelt tribute to the connections that drive us to do more than survive.

Subjects/themes of the book

- Modern office culture
- Great Recession
- Millennial culture
- Zombies
- Apocalypse
- Office Satire
- Consumerism

Author: Ling Ma

Ling Ma was born in Sanning, China, and she grew up in Utah, Nebraska, and Kansas. She attended the University of Chicago and received an MFA from Cornell University. Prior to graduate school, she worked as a journalist and an editor. Her writing has appeared in *Granta*, *VICE*, *Playboy*, *Chicago Reader*, *Ninth Letter*, and other publications. A chapter of *Severance* received the 2015 Graywolf \$15 Prize. She lives in Chicago.

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How it's going



SEVERANCE RADIO

PODCAST

Severance Radio: A Nevada Reads Book Club

By Black Mountain Radio & Nevada Humanities

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ABOUT

Talking Points

- The critical importance of the humanities in this strange and challenging world that we now live in...
- What does recovery and resilience look like for our humanities infrastructure in Nevada?
- How can Nevada Humanities best connect and serve Nevada's library districts, librarians, and library patrons now and into the future?

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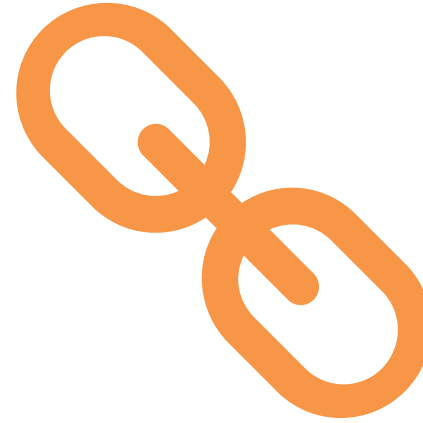


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Save the Date: Oct. 19-24, 2020

Virtual Las Vegas Book Festival

<https://lasvegasbookfestival.com/Schedule>



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CHECK-IN

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VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

An informal, after-meeting chat opportunity